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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Robert Walter Kemmer Papers (1875-1972) are centered around Robert Walter Kemmer, State Senator and Attorney-At-Law. The Robert Walter Kemmer Papers are a gift of Mrs. Leslie G. Anderson of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The materials in this finding aid measure 1.26 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Robert Walter Kemmer Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Robert Walter Kemmer Papers, containing approximately 600 items, span the period 1875-1972, although the bulk is largely concentrated in the years 1945-1965. The collection is composed of cards, certificates, correspondence, deeds, election results, financial records, handbills, legislation, lists, newspaper clippings, notes, petitions, a photograph, political announcements and platforms, publications, a speech, and telegrams.

The mass of the collection consists of correspondence. Robert Walter Kemmer was a Senator from Spring City, Rhea County, Tennessee. The vast majority of the correspondence concerns the political life of Robert Walter Kemmer, who served in the 75<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, 1947-1951. Also included in this correspondence are materials concerning Robert Walter Kemmer serving in the Constitutional Conventions of 1959 and 1965.

The remainder of the collection concerns Robert Walter Kemmer's life as an Attorney in Spring City, Tennessee. This part of the collection comprises only a very small amount.

For a complete listing of the correspondence, see the Name Index. In addition to the main collection, there are some small additions. For a complete listing of the contents, see the Container List, Box 4.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

### Robert Walter Kemmer

- 1893 March 2, born at Spring City, Rhea County, Tennessee, son of David  
Crockett and  
Florence (Rose) Kemmer
- 1899-1911 Educated in Rhea County schools and graduated from Spring City High  
School
- 1914 Married Nola Moon, daughter of James Thomas and Cornelia J. (Powell)  
Moon
- 1918 Graduated from East Tennessee Teachers College, Johnson City,  
Washington County, Tennessee
- 1918-1926 Attended University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Chattanooga  
College of Law, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. Graduated from  
Chattanooga College of Law with an LL. B. degree.
- 1926 Began practice of law in Chattanooga and Spring City, Tennessee.  
Director, Vice President and General Counsel for Southern Silk Mills, Inc.,  
Spring City, Tennessee
- 1944-1945 Spring City attorney
- 1947-1951 Served in State Senate of the 75<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies
- 1951-1960 President of Rhea County Bar Association
- 1959 Delegate to Tennessee Constitutional Convention
- 1964 President of Rhea County Bar Association
- 1965 Delegate to Tennessee Constitutional Convention
- 1977 April 14, died at Spring City, Tennessee, and interred in Spring City  
Cemetery

#### Organizations:

Baptist Church  
Free and Accepted Masons  
Order of the Mystic Shrine

Source: *Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly*, Volume IV

## CONTAINER LIST

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3. Legal Documents – Articles of Agreement, C.C. Brown and T.E. Leuty – 1895
4. Newspapers – *The Grandview Informer*, Issue Number 34, 37, 47; *Smokies Guide* – 1973-1985
5. Program – “Tennessee USA”, Cumberland County Playhouse – 1965
6. Volumes – *Acts of Tennessee, Extraordinary Session* – 1885  
*Campbell’s Tennessee Form Book* – 1920  
*Laws and Ordinances of the Town of Spring City* – 1942  
*Rules of Order of the Senate of the Seventy-Fifth General Assembly* – 1947  
*Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Treasury* – 1947-1948  
*Annual Statistical Report of the Department of Education* – 1947-1948  
*Joint Legislative Report of Legislative Chairmen and Legislative Representatives* – 1949  
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Frazier, James B. Jr. (9) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1949-1960, re: am advised by First Assistant Postmaster General that petition requesting extension of Rural Route 2, Spring City, has been received and is under consideration; letter concerning conference with Paul Aiken, Second Assistant Postmaster General, regarding delivery of mail on the route from Chattanooga to Rockwood has been received; letter recommending J. Avery Carney for a position with the Federal Census of 1950 in Rhea County has been received; new building at Spring City for mail; name has been placed on list to receive the Congressional Record; thank you for signing qualifying petition as a Candidate for the Democratic nomination to the House of Representatives from the Third Congressional District of Tennessee; thank you for assistance in recent

campaign; thank you for signing qualifying petition as Candidate for the Democratic nomination for reelection to the House of Representatives, important for Democrats to win this election; have received letter concerning appointment of James Allison Ruffner to the Air Force Academy; thank you for signing petition for Democratic nomination for reelection to House of Representatives, 1-10

Friar, G. Edward (4) to Robert Kemmer, 1954-1957, re: thanks for encouragement and confidence; will forward a copy of the Private Acts; have asked printer to mail you a copy of the published volume of the 1955 Private Acts; letter asking for help in campaign for Governor, 1-10

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irritate a great many people, I will try to be worth of confidence which you and other Tennesseans demonstrated in my record of service; in reference to previous correspondence concerning social security claim of Condon Wiggins, I am enclosing a letter from Social Security Administration; have received your letter, together with check regarding interest in securing a birth certificate for John Washington Phillips; thank you for your letter and the editorial from the *Fort Lauderdale News*, comments concerning the Democratic Party and upcoming elections; response to announcement for the Senate, comments on Civil Rights Bill; invitation on July 18; thank you for support, it was a wonderful victory, comments on new highway under the Appalachia Program; comments on votes on the Supreme Court nominations, comments on direct election of the President, 2-1

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Kemmer, Robert W. to Gene Hayes, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to Malcolm Hill, re: asking for support in race for State Senate; have gotten Lucius Camp to manage campaign in White County, 2-4

Kemmer, Robert W. (5) to Mary Shadow Hill, 1948-1951, re: campaign; petition for you to have signed by qualified voters; situation in Rhea County; recent bills passed concerning Rhea County; William Hilleary serving as Justice of the Peace, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. Walter Hill, 1946, re: asking for support in race for Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to William Hilleary, 1947, re: amendment to exempt the clause on machinery use failed in the Senate by 3 votes, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. Jack Hutchens, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to R.I. Hutchens, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W.E. Jacobs, Sr., 1947, re: if City of Cookeville has on file in Department of Labor a notice that the city would comply with the State Compensation Law, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Joe Johnson, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Joe Denney Johnson, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to Elmer Kelley, 1948, re: comments concerning the Sheriff's Salary Bill; comments concerning spending in Rhea County, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Byran Kemmer, 1959, re: comments on lack of action by Convention; questions when will you be in Tennessee, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. to David S. Lansden, 1946, re: enclosing a check to pay for a transcript sent to me; asking for support in State Senate race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to E.C. Lewis, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Governor Jim McCord, 1947, re: election commissioners in Rhea County, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Lee McCoy, 1946, re: Senate race and local legislation, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Joe McPeak, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to T.V. McReynolds, 1946, re: asking for support in race for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Jared Maddux, 1947, re: audit of County Superintendent's office in Rhea County, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Lawrence Mallox, 1959, re: comments on Constitutional Convention; comments on renovations to the Capitol; comments about arrival date in Ft. Lauderdale, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. to Roger Martin, 1946, re: a campaign manager in White County, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Grayham Melvin, 1946, re: being a member of the Democratic Primary Commission, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Dr. Mitchell, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to Jack Norman, 1950, re: Primary Boards in Rhea and Meigs Counties, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to H.E. Northcut, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W.H. Paine, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W.H. Payne, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, R.W. to C.W. Phillips, 1947, re: work on Highway 68 and bridge over Watts Bar Dam, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Louis S. Pope, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, R.W. to Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company, 1951, re: Pettway Oil Company will be making payments on loan, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. to Dr. F.E. Robinson, 1947, re: stock in the Dayton Foundry; work done with public funds for private individuals, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to F.E. Robinson, 1947, re: sales tax for schools; cancel application for stock in the new Dayton Foundry; comments on work done on private locations with county funds, 2-5



Kemmer, Robert W. to W.B. Rogers, 1946, re: concerning appointment as a Commissioner to hold Primary Election; asking for support, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Luther Rutledge, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W.J. Sapp, 1949, re: will go before Claims Committee concerning injury nineteen years ago while working on the State Highway, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. to Quill Scott, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Tom Scott, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W.C. Seals, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Commissioner J.M. Smith, 1949, re: number of teachers at Pennine Community School, 1-7

Kemmer, Robert W. to Jack Smith, 1950, re: asking for information on educational funding in Bledsoe, Cumberland, Meigs, Rhea, Van Buren and White Counties, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Perry Smith, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Alex Slatten, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to W. Slatten, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Ben Steele, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Titus Sullivan, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Walter Swafford, 1946, re: appreciate support for State Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to E.P. Waite, 1946, re: pension and race for Senate, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to J.M. Ward, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to S.R. Ware, 1946, re: August Primary, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. (2) to Charles Weyland, 1950, re: Sequatchie County Executive Committee; Rhea and Meigs County Executive Committee, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Walter White, 1948, re: use of Rhea County High School Building for the Farm Bureau Dinner; Rhea County finances, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Haden Wilson, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Woodrow Wilson, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Sim Wilhite, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to Hugh L. Woody, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Kemmer, Robert W. to McKinley Young, 1946, re: asking for support in State Senate Race, 2-5

Landreth, Linda to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, re: opinion on Convention, 1-3

Lansden David to Robert W. Kemmer, 1959, re: asks for support of Samuel O. Bates as President of Convention, 1-3

Lillard, D.W. to R.W. Kemmer, 1946, re: I am ready, anxious, and willing to do anything you think will aid in the cause, 2-2

Lockhart, Wyly C. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1949, re: enjoyed serving in 76<sup>th</sup> General Assembly together, 2-2

McCanless, George F. to R.W. Kemmer, 1958, re: letter from Attorney General giving opinion on election of delegates to the Convention, 1-3

McCord, Jim (6) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1945-1948, re: appointments of Democratic Election Commissioners in your county; congratulations on your election; bridge over Watts Bar Dam; concerning appointments of Election Commissioners; unable to visit your Kiwanis Club; Watts Bar Bridge; case of Ulysses Walling, 2-3

McKellar, Kenneth (2) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1950, re: sending enclosed letter from Post Office Department; received letter of the 15<sup>th</sup>, will contact Mr. McDonald to see what can be done, 2-3

McKenzie, O.W. (4) to R.W. Kemmer, 1946-1958, re: I am enclosing you a Bill which I have prepared and I would like for you to introduce, it is for our good friend, Sheriff Kelly; comments on sales tax bill, comments on divorce bill; support during the elections; comments on local politics, 2-3

McPheeters, William G. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1965, re: thank you for letter to the Board of Law Examiners, 1-6

McPheeters, William G. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1969, re: requesting endorsement for U.S. Attorney, East Tennessee, 2-3

McWilliamms, Jamey to Robert W. Kemmer, 1949, re: Bledsoe County Teacher's Association expresses thanks for interest and support of the educational program, 2-3

Maddux, Jared to Robert W. Kemmer, 1962, re: asks for support in Senate Race in 15<sup>th</sup> District, 2-3

Manier, Miller to James Nance McCord, 1947, re: changes suggested by Uniform Law Commissioners, 2-3

Mathes, Paul S. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: thank you from the Department of Conservation for work during 75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly concerning the department, 2-3

Moore, George to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: thank you for not passing the non-union shop bill, 2-3

Neel, L.R. to R.W. Kimmer (Kemmer), 1948, re: comments on re-election; comments on new County Road Law, 2-3

Neely, Charles R. to R.W. Kemmer, 1957, re: concerning endorsement of Donald J. Cowan, 2-3

Neil, A.B. to R.W. Kemmer, 1958, re: advertisement advocating reelection of the present members of the Supreme Court, 2-3

Nelson, Charles T. to R.W. Kemmer, 1947, re: comments on three cents sales tax, 2-3

Ogden, Warner to Robert W. Kemmer, 1946, re: thank you very much for the mat and for the information; asks for information concerning plant expansions, 2-3

Orgill, Edmund to Robert W. Kemmer, 1958, re: thanks for support during campaign; sorry I was unable to win, 2-3

Owens, Billy E. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1966, re: work of Public Information Committee on public relations concerning proposed amendments of Convention, 1-4

Pack, David M. to R.W. Kemmer, 1964, re: concerning widening of Highway 27, 2-3

Pattison, I.C. to Ross Bass, 1965, re: postal facility in Chattanooga, 1-5

Pattison, I.C. to Albert Gore, 1965, re: postal facility in Chattanooga, 1-5

Peters, Mrs. A.B. to Robert Kemmer, 1947, re: Pikeville Parent Teacher Association expresses thanks for work on Tennessee Educational Program, 2-3

Phillips, C.W. to R.W. Kemmer, 1947, re: bridge across Watts Bar Dam, 2-3

Powell, W.D. to Senator R.W. Kemmer, 1947, re: sending in application of Floyd Wright in Dept. of Labor and asking for any help possible, 1-6

Powell, W.D. (2) to Robert Kemmer, 1947, re: Dennis Wilson a state job; asks to defeat Senate Bill 749, 2-3

Racely, Robert J. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1946, re: political announcement in *Sparta Exositor*, 2-3

Raulson, Sam Polk to Robert Kemmer, 1963, re: will do my best to discharge the duties of the office to which I have been appointed, 2-3

Rector, T.M. and others to Governor Jim McCord, 1947, re: State Park System, 2-3

Robertson, H.M. to Bob Kemmer, 1947, reopposed to bill concerning local political appointees in Town of Pikeville, 2-3

Roberson, R.C. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: opposed to bill concerning local political appointees in Town of Pikeville, 2-3

Roberts, E.F. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: opposes Senate Bill 749, 2-3

Robinson, Fred C. (2) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning closed shop bill and sales tax for schools, 2-3

Rose, John C. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning sales tax for schools, 2-3

Rudd, Judson A. to R.W. Kemmer, 1949, re: education bills, 2-3

Ruffner, James Allison to Robert Kemmer, 1959, re: express appreciation for help in getting Representative Frazier to place me on his list of candidates for admission to the United States Air Force Academy, 2-3

Runyon, J.F. to W.O. Hake, 1947, re: letter written for Ira McKenzie recommending for any position, 1-6

Shadow, Mary (2) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1948, 1950, re: enclosing announcement and biographical facts; speaking to Spring City Kiwanis Club, 2-4

Shadow, W.A. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning hybrid seed corn, 2-4

Sims, Mark (5) to R.W. Kemmer, 1946, 1958, re: opposition in race; support in race; work in Sparta area; have turned your qualifying papers for White County; asking support for Orgill, 2-4

Sloan, A.F. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1958, re: express appreciation for your letter of October 31, congratulating me on my appointment to District Attorney General, 2-4

Squires, Sam M. to Van S. Pickle, 1949, re: Bridge over Watts Bar Dam, 2-4

Stewart, T.L. (2) to R.W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning proposed act to create a new Chancery Division, 2-4

Stuart, Hardwick to Robert W. Kemmer, 1969, re: concerning appointment to our Chancery Court, 2-4

Summitt, Robert M. to Rev. Kemmer, 1964, re: received the petition which you signed nominating me as a candidate for United States Congress in Democratic Primary, thank you, 2-4

Swicegood, May to Robert Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning road commissioners in Cumberland County, 2-4

Temple, T.H. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning Rhea County indebtedness, 2-4

Tipton, Nat to R.W. Kemmer, 1954, re: ability to abolish an office, 2-4

VanCleave, O.E. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: thanks for work during General Assembly for the Department of Agriculture, 2-4

Walker, Joe H. Jr., to Robert W. Kemmer, 1965, re: enjoyed serving in Convention; wishing a happy holiday season, 1-4

Walker, Robert Kirk to Robert W. Kemmer, 1966, re: accepting invitation to speak to Kiwanis Club of Spring City on "Law and Order," 1-6

Wallace, M.C. to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: support of Senate Bill 367, 2-4

Walters, Herbert S. to R.W. Kemmer, 1964, re: letter on civil rights bill, 2-4

Ware, S.W. (5) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1946-1948, re: race in White County; management of your campaign; filing of qualifying petition; Lucius Camp may try to run against you; race in White County for Senate and House; results of race, surprised at my loss, 2-4

Wheeler, J. David to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: appreciate support for educational bills, 2-4

White, J. Olin to Robert W. Kemmer, 1947, re: it was a pleasure to serve with you in the Senate, 2-4

White, Walter (2) to R.W. Kemmer, 1947, re: concerning agreeing on local bills; asks to have House Bill 1079 called up and passed in the Senate, 2-4

Williams, F. Revell to C.W. Phillips, 1947, re: Watts Bar Bridge, 2-4

Williams, Joe to "Kemmer", 1946, re: support of you in the race, 2-4

Williams, Joyce to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, re: comments for the Convention, 1-3

Wilson, S.R. to Robert Kemmer, 1947, re: opposes House Bill 182, 2-4

Wiseman, Paul to Members of the General Assembly, 1947, re: oppose House Bill 234 – Senate Bill 147, 2-4

Wood, Lee and D.T. Hamilton to Members of the Constitutional Convention, 1959, re: Tennessee Sheriffs and Trustees Association setting up an information booth, 1-3

Woodlee, Glenn W. to R.W. Kemmer, 1959, re: asks to vote for Samuel Bates for President of Convention, 1-3

Wright, J.M. (2) to Robert W. Kemmer, 1959, re: comments for amendments to Constitution; request for outcome of Convention; Senator Stuart Symington announces candidacy for Democratic Nomination for President, 1-3

\_\_\_\_\_, Avery to "Bob", 1947, re: interested in a position but can not pass examination; appreciate help, 1-6